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From: Robert <rpok62a@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 8:55 AM
To: Forese-Web; Little-Web; BitterSmith-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: SRP 230KV Power Lines

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My name is Robert Powell. I'm a Homeowner in PineLake Estates and I absolutely and unequivocally object to SRP installing 230kv above ground lines along the Railroad tracks running parallel to Arizona Avenue. We all understand the need for Electricity this day and age and no one I'm aware of is disputing this. All we are saying is if new lines need to be established, than why don't they go north along already existing 230kv lines? If new lines must go south, then they need to be buried alongside the Pinelake community. SRP says it costs 10 million per mile to install underground and only 1 million to install them above ground. How would SRP know this since one: they have never buried 230KV lines before and two, it's my understanding that that SRP is using data from a company in California? This is just a small part of the reasons for the objection of 230kv lines to be installed along side the West face of the great community of Pinelake Estates. I have attached a link to a recently created petition that address many concerns of people in the surrounding communities as well as people of the Pinelake community. Thank you for your time.

Robert Powell

<http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/stop-srp-230-kv-powerlines-in-chandler.html?amp;q.sl=1&q.id=3ztvrm8y147lgsbh&q.sl=1>

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From: Paula and Alex <mcstege@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 8:14 AM
To: Forese-Web; Little-Web; BitterSmith-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: PLEASE READ SRP 230kv routing in Chandler

Dear Members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

I am writing to you representing hundreds of citizens in the South Chandler area who are opposed to the current routing being proposed by SRP for over 14 miles of above ground 230kv power lines, when the same power needs could be accomplished by an underground route approximately 2.7 miles in length.

First, a little about my background. I am pro development and pro growth for the state of Arizona. I have spent my entire career working for major Fortune 100 technology corporations. I am a resident of the Pinelake Estates subdivision and Vice President of the HOA. Our development will be most greatly impacted by this project more so than any other, as we will be bounded on two sides of our development by the 230 kv lines.

When we purchased our home in this area in 2004, the Master Plan for this area, as developed by the City of Chandler Planning Commission, was intended to be an area of large homes, large lots, keeping tradition with Chandler's agricultural history and rural-feeling. This area was sold and marketed to tens of thousands of residents on this basis. The concept of SRP installing overhead 230kv and 60 kv power lines adjacent to homes and permanently visible for miles and miles is not only unacceptable, but a travesty that will be fought and a precedent for all other Arizona taxpayers to watch and learn from.

Two years ago, when discussions started about potential expansion of power lines from the Schrader substation, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny appointed Councilman Rick Heumann to lead a Council sub committee task force to gather public input for the Council. I and others find it reprehensible that to this date, Councilman Heumann has never contacted the Pinelake Estates Homeowners Board to gather our input. Many of our homeowners have reported to me that when trying to discuss our perspective and viewpoint, he has shut them down and appears to have made a recommendation to the Council over 18 months ago for a proposed southbound route.

Approximately two years ago, I sent all of the Chandler City Council members individual emails proposing that they consider the northbound/westbound route up Arizona Avenue and then across Germann Rd, which was much more direct and shorter than the route currently being proposed. In addition, there also are in place high voltage lines already constructed along that route. Instead, I received quite a sharp response from Councilor Heumann that appeared to indicate that he had his mind made about the route – prior to a series of town meetings held by SRP.

What is most interesting to many of us, is why the northbound Germann Road was not selected. Currently, along Arizona Avenue, there are no single family homes that would be impacted. And, along Germann Road, there already exist concrete towers and high voltage lines in place. Some have indicated that individuals in positions of authority have either indirect or direct interests along that route. If that were to be the case, I would hope that those officials would have properly recused themselves from weighing in on any routing decisions.

As with any above ground power line project, SRP and Chandler's City Council have pitted neighborhood against neighborhood and have been successful in dividing and conquering the masses. However, what unifies all the communities in this area **is the desire to have these lines buried** – directly (approximately 2.7 miles) from the Schrader substation straight down Ocotillo, and then once over near Old Price Rd, SRP could go above ground, as that land is wide open and not populated.

SRP has given unsubstantiated cost estimates for burying the lines and never wanted that as an option. Yet, they have spent the last year negotiating with the Gila River Tribe to use their land for above ground routing. With this deal, likely comes a quid pro quo power pricing discount deal for GRIC over many years, at the expense of our neighborhoods in South Chandler.

While burying the lines may initially be more expensive than going above ground for SRP, costs could be amortized over a 30+ year period and further offset by not discounting rates for the GRIC. Most, if not all major power utilities bury these types of 230kv high voltage lines in populated areas. As the population and density of the Valley continues to grow, power requirements will also need to increase. New and improved methods of delivering power to businesses and residents will have to take hold – including the cost of building underground power lines. SRP must face this reality for the future, and realize that if they want to be a good corporate citizen, they can't just string up power in the most expeditious, low cost manner available without destroying homeowner neighborhoods and negatively impacting citizens' single largest investment – their home's value.

I urge all of you to deny approval of the current SRP route being proposed, south along Arizona Avenue and then onto the Gila River Tribal Nation. Here's the bottom line: 14+ miles of above ground unsightly power lines, versus 2.7 miles of underground power over to the R-27 substation behind Intel. Let common sense prevail.

I would personally welcome you to visit our neighborhood and show you firsthand the routes that you likely have seen on 2-D paper maps, and how they will impact the community.

A decision in favor of the route being proposed by SRP will have a lasting, devastating, and irreversible impact on South Chandler and its voter constituency.

Kind regards,
Paula McCarty
Vice President
Pinelake Estates HOA